GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001
ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP OF FODDER BANKS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to set up Fodder Banks for development of animal fodder and grazing fields under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to various States including Gujarat during the last three years and in the current year till date;

(b) the criteria adopted for providing such assistance;

(c) the amount spent by each State under the said scheme during the above period;

(d) whether the Union Government are aware of the alleged misuse of the said amount by several State Governments; and

(e) if so, the names of such States and the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.194 T
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(a) to (c): During the last 3 years, only the States of Kerala, Karnataka, J&K, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh have asked for funds to establish fodder banks. The information on the central assistance provided and the balance pending is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	98-99	99-00	2000-01	Amount spent/pending
Kerala	38.85	-	-	-/38.85
Karnataka	21.00	-	10.50	21.0/10.50
J&K	-	50.56	-	41.25/9.31
Gujarat	-	79.00	-	-/79.00
Maharashtra	-	-	41.25	-/41.25
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	11.36	-/11.36

No further request for release of funds for establishment of fodder banks is pending.

The assistance is provided on the basis of the proposals received from the State Governments, their viability and utilization of funds released to them.

(d): No information regarding alleged misuse of the said amount has been received.

(e): Question does not arise.